

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4297

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 4700 and 4702 Harford Road (Lauraville Historic District)

and/or common 4700 Harford Road (Harford Gardens Convalescent Home)

2. Location

street & number 4700 Harford Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Baltimore

N/A vicinity of

congressional district 3rd

state Maryland

county Baltimore City

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: nursing home

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles J. Nabit, President, Hartford Gardens Limited Partnership

street & number 17 Commerce Street

telephone no.: 301-727-2404

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code Maryland 21202

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Circuit Court of Baltimore City

liber SEB 1084

street & number 100 North Calvert Street

folio 43

city, town Baltimore

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

4700 Harford Road is comprised of two shingled Queen Anne houses (originally 4700 and 4702 Harford Road) joined by modern additions at the front and rear. The original form and massing of the two houses is clearly visible despite recent additions and alterations.

4700 Harford Road, at the corner of List and Harford, is a 2-1/2 story building above a raised basement. A porch with Doric columns wraps around the front of the building and a portion of the side of the building facing List Street. The building is surmounted by a roof with intersecting gables; Palladian windows are set within the gables. A hexagonal bay projects from the List Avenue facade and a pyramidal roof with finial indicates the location of a former tower at the north corner of the Harford Avenue facade. A random ashlar retaining wall is located along Harford Avenue in front of 4700 Harford Road. A two-story flat-roofed masonry addition dating from the late 1940s extends from the rear of the building.

The form of 4702 Harford Road has been more compromised by recent additions than 4700. 4702 Harford Road is a 2-1/2 story building resting upon a raised basement. The shingled building is topped by a roof with intersecting gables lit by round-arched windows. A hexagonal bay projects from the north end of the front facade. A simple stained glass stair window is also located on this facade. A two-story concrete block addition, the height of the basement and 1st story of the earlier building, extends from the sidewalk to the now-enclosed porch in front of 4702 Harford Road. The addition has a flat roof and is utilitarian in appearance. A second masonry addition extends from the rear of the building and is joined to the masonry addition in back of 4700 Harford Road. Both buildings are sheathed with mid-20th century shingles.

While the interiors of 4700 and 4702 Harford Road are partially intact, remaining spaces and architectural elements are isolated by recent finishes, new partitions, and the new additions. Remaining architrave surrounds with bulls-eye molding provide an indication of the original finishes of the houses.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

4700 Harford Road, comprised of two houses (4700 and 4702 Harford Road) joined by a two-story streetfront addition, is a contributing structure within the National Register eligible Lauraville Historic District. The two houses were originally part of a group of at least four similar Queen Anne residences along Harford Road north of List Avenue. 4700 Harford Road is shown on the 1915 Sanborn Map, the earliest map to depict this area. 4702 appears on the 1929 Sanborn Map. The lots on which these houses are located were originally part of the List Tract, for which a subdivision map was filed on May 1, 1908. It is likely that 4700 Harford Road was constructed around that date; 4702 was probably constructed between 1915 and 1918.

The present appearance and use of these buildings reflects the mid-20th century development of the neighborhood. After World War II several of the larger houses were converted into apartments, rooming houses, and convalescent homes. Sanborn Maps show that both houses had been converted to nursing homes by 1951. The low street front addition to 4702 Harford Road is typical of several such alterations within the Harford Road commercial strip. The original form, massing, and architectural style are still apparent despite recent additions and alterations.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Maps, 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acreQuadrangle name Baltimore EastQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	18	364780	4355840
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
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D			
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E			
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F			
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G			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 and 2 of the List Tract (Baltimore County Plat Book JWS No. 2, folio 340) have been historically associated with the property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	N/A	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

4700-4702 HARFORD ROAD
(Houses/Commercial Building)

HABS No. 1036

- Location: 4700 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland (Lots 1 and 2 of the List Tract)
- USGS Baltimore, Maryland East Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.364780.4355840
- Significance: 4700-4702 Harford Road, comprised of two early 20th century Queen Anne-style wood frame houses (4700 and 4702 Harford Road) joined by a mid-20th century two-story streetfront addition, represents the evolution of buildings along Harford Road within the National Register-eligible Lauraville Historic District.
- Description: 4700-4702 Harford Road faces east onto Harford Road, a major thoroughfare in Baltimore. 4700 Harford Road occupies the northwest corner of the intersection of List Avenue and Harford Road. Both 2-1/2 story frame Queen Anne-style houses rest on raised basements and are surmounted by cross-gabled roofs. The two buildings are joined by 2 story concrete block additions that extend across the front of 4702 and the rear of both buildings. The rear addition to 4700 dates to ca. 1950; the addition to the rear of 4702 postdates 1951. The original form and shape of the two houses is clearly visible despite recent alterations and additions. 4700 is the most intact displaying a wrap-around porch with Doric columns, hexagonal bays, Palladian windows within gables, and a pyramidal roof with finial above a former corner tower. A random ashlar retaining wall extends across the street frontage of the lot. While the streetfront addition infills the porch of 4702 and an exterior stair has been added on the north, 4702 retains its hexagonal bays and round-arched windows within gables. Both buildings have been sheathed with mid-20th century shingles. The original floor plans of both buildings have been altered. The interiors exhibit recent finishes although some bulls-eye molding remains around window and door openings. The buildings are in good condition.
- History: 4700 Harford Road was constructed between 1908 and 1915; 4702 Harford Road, between 1915 and 1929 (Sanborn Maps and 1908 Map of List Tract). The two houses were originally part of a group of five similar Queen Anne-style residences along Harford Road, a major arterial on which streetcar tracks were located. After World War II several of the larger houses in the early 20th century suburb of Lauraville were converted into apartments, rooming houses, and convalescent homes. Sanborn Maps show that both houses had been converted to nursing homes by 1951. The two buildings were joined together after that date. The low streetfront addition is typical of alterations in the commercial area along Harford Road. The present building is currently occupied as the Harford Gardens Nursing Home.

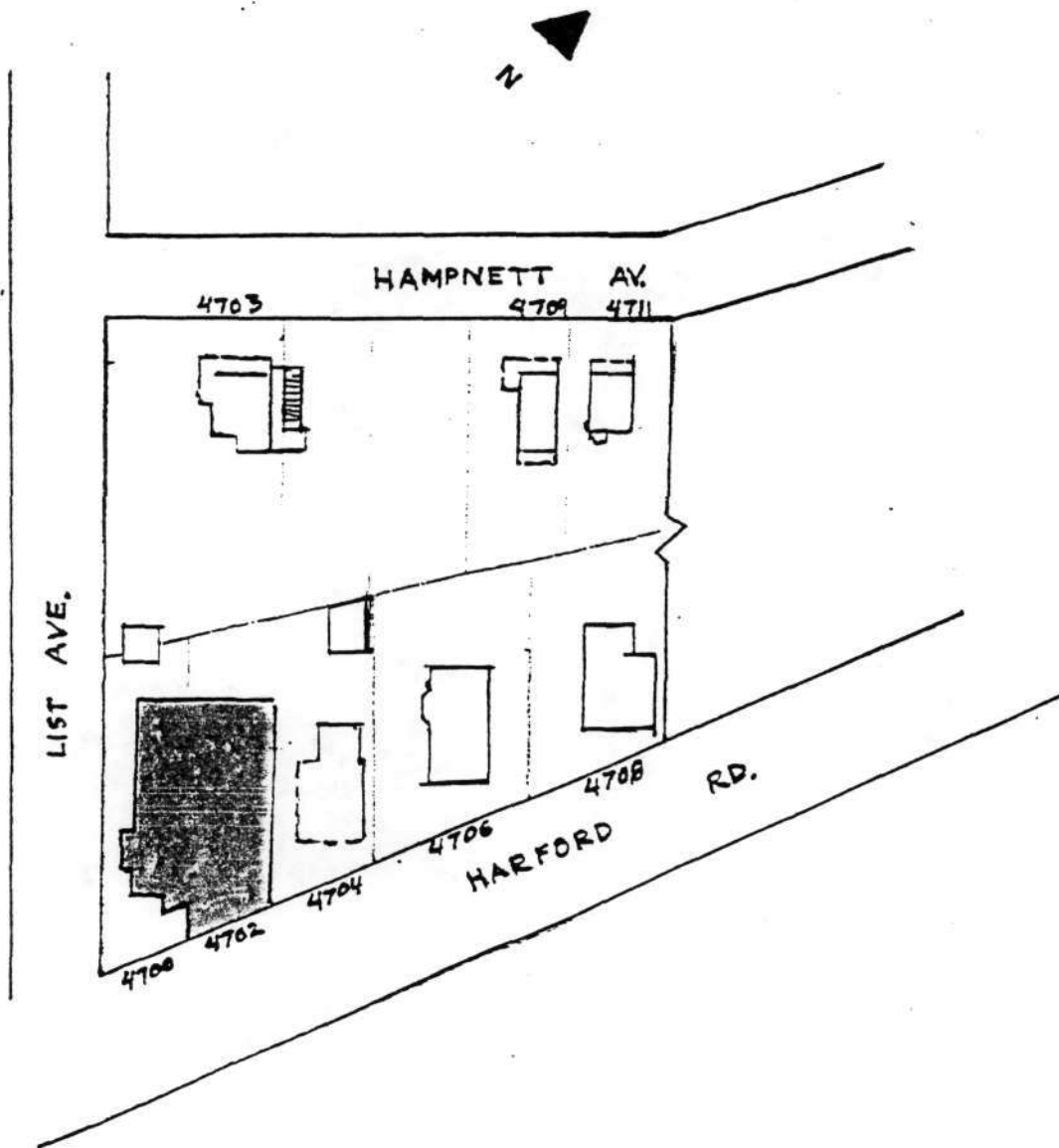
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The building is slated for demolition in to clear the site for construction of a new, larger nursing facility. HABS documentation was produced in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Harford Nursing Home, Inc.

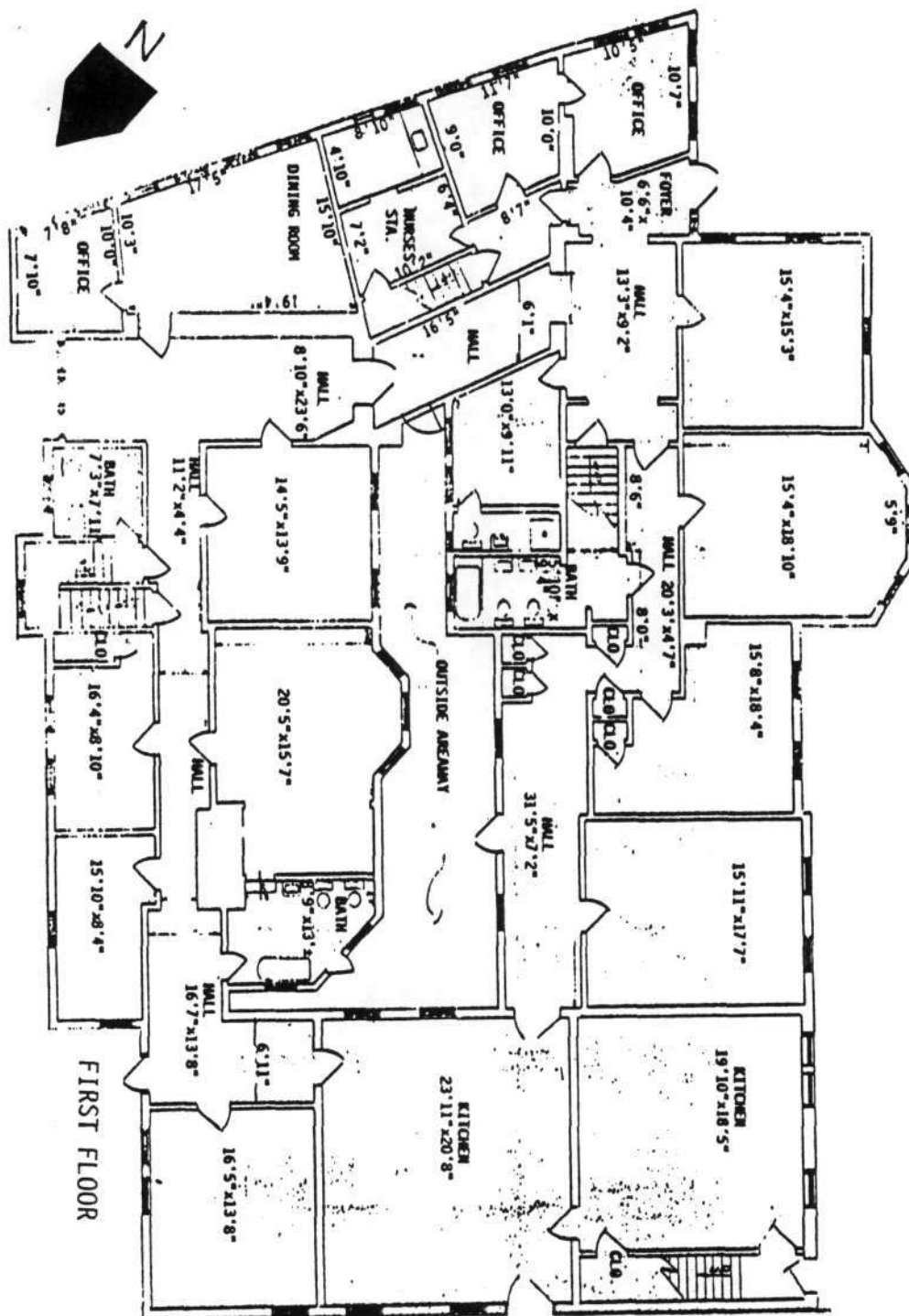
Sources: 1915, 1929, and 1951 Sanborn Maps; 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340.

Historian: Betty Bird
Consultant to Harford Gardens Limited Partnership
August 30, 1991

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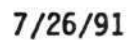


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Baltimore, Maryland

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Photographer: Anice Hoachlander
Date: May 29, 1991

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| MD-1036-1 | EAST (FRONT) FACADES AND SOUTH FACADE OF 4700
HARFORD ROAD FROM SE |
| MD-1036-2 | EAST (FRONT) FACADES AND NORTH FACADES FROM NE |
| MD-1036-3 | SOUTH ELEVATION OF 4700 HARFORD ROAD FROM SW |
| MD-1036-4 | NORTH AND WEST FACADES FROM NW CORNER |

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Harford Gardens Convalescent Home

4700 & 4702 Harford Road (now 4700 Harford Road)

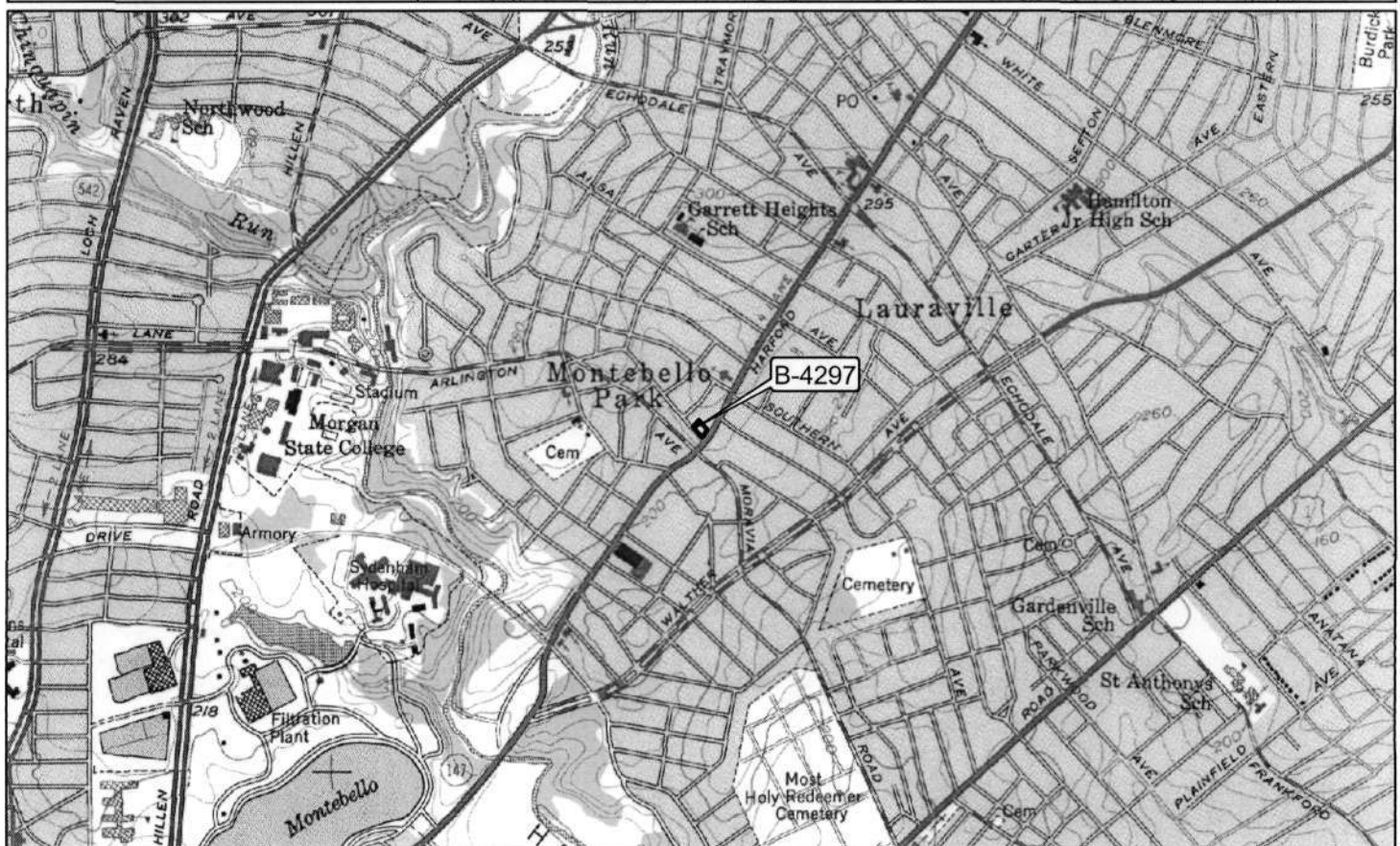
Block 5361 Lot 001

Baltimore City

Baltimore County

Baltimore East Quad.

Demolished



4700 Harford Road - Photos G, H, and K

Photos G and H provide the best visual explanation for the building and its alterations. Photo J shows the east facade, also shown in Photo H. Photo I, the rear facade, shows little but the new addition, depicted in Photo G. I see no point in photographing the rear addition beyond what is shown in Photograph G.



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